

State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Stabilize and Rehabilitate Ten Historic Buildings, Adjacent Outbuildings and Fences

LOCATION: Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park - 23579 North Bloomfield Road **COUNTY:** Nevada

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Stabilize and rehabilitate ten historic buildings, adjacent outbuildings and fences on Main Street at Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park. Roof leaks and weather conditions are contributing factors resulting in the current dilapidated condition of the buildings. Buildings to be stabilized and rehabilitated to protect from further deterioration are: Ostrom House, Jeffers House, Carter House/Hotel, School House, Marten Ranch House, Cummins Hall, Cummins Barn, Haner Cabin, Gen Yet Wah Cabin, and the Skidmore Cabin.

Project elements include:

- Remove non-historic metal roof panels and re-roof with original type cedar shingles where appropriate
- Repair roof sheathing where needed
- Repair/replace dry rot damaged foundation support members, porch structures (posts, rafters, sheathing, etc), window frames and doors where needed
- Repair exterior siding and skirting where needed
- Install foundation support concrete blocks where needed
- Paint buildings after consulting with district curator to determine appropriate colors for setting and period of interpretation.

Work will be performed with the least amount of impact to the historic features as possible. Replacement materials will be in-kind. Significant historic wooden members will be re-used as possible. Modern materials used for repairs will be identified for future reference. Excavation will be minor to set foundation support blocks. Buildings will be formally recorded prior to construction work documenting the current condition of each building.

A DPR-qualified archaeologist will monitor ground-disturbing work in areas of high cultural resource sensitivity. Monitoring will coincide with the implementation of the project and will involve systematic screen testing of material from excavated spoils. Ground disturbing work will be suspended if potentially significant archaeological resources are exposed by project-related activities. Proposed project work would resume only after a proper archaeological data treatment program has been designed and implemented.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Sierra District

EXEMPT STATUS:



Categorical Exemption

Class: 6, 31

Section: 15306, 15331

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the maintenance, repair and stabilization of a historic resource in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer, and basic (archaeological) data collection and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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